

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
March 7, 2016

A special Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of North Stonington, Connecticut was held in the North Stonington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 311 Norwich Westerly Road, North Stonington, CT on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Present First Selectman Shawn Murphy Selectman Nicholas H Mullane II and Selectman Mark Donahue. First Selectman Murphy called the meeting to order and then asked Town Clerk Norma Holliday to read the call of the meeting. First Selectman Murphy then asked for a **MOTION** from the floor to elect a Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Bob Shabunia second by Mark Perkins to elect Nita Kincaid Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Dan Spring seconded by Jon Bosma to close all nomination, Both **MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Moderator Nita Kincaid then asked the Town Clerk Norma Holliday to read item one of the call.

1. To hear and act upon the following: “Shall an ordinance be adopted concerning votes for the Office of First Selectman as follows: In accordance with CGS 9-188, votes cast for a candidate for First Selectman shall count for that office only. Votes cast for an unsuccessful candidate for First Selectman shall not be counted as votes for that candidate as a member of the Board of Selectman”?

(a) Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the aforesaid resolution to vote upon voting machines on the 14<sup>th</sup> day, March, 2016, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors shall vote the following polling place:

North Stonington Town Hall  
40 Main Street  
North Stonington

The aforesaid resolution will be placed on the voting machines under the following heading:

“SHALL AN ORDINANCE BE ADOPTED CONCERNING VOTES FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST SELECTMAN AS FOLLOWS: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGS 9-188, VOTES CAST FOR A CANDIDATE FOR FIRST SELECTMAN SHALL COUNT FOR THAT OFFICE ONLY. VOTES CAST FOR AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR FIRST SELECTMAN SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AS VOTES FOR THAT CANDIDATE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN.”?

Voters approving said resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution will vote “No.” Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

**A MOTION made by Selectman Mullane, seconded by Mark Perkins to approve item one as presented, First Selectman Murphy gave a synopsis of the ordinance, petition and the legal opinions from different Attorneys regarding the proposed ordinance.**

**Discussion followed, speaking for and against the ordinance and question asked:**

**Brian Rathbun  
Emil Pavlovics  
Joe Gross  
Roy Kerlin  
Brent Woodward**

**Joe Cassata  
John Olsen  
Lisa Mazzella  
Grant Leiper**

**A MOTION made by Charlie Smith, seconded by Joe Gross to move the question to the Referendum, MOTION CARRIED BY A SHOW OF HANDS, Brian Rathbun opposed.**

2. To consider and vote upon a resolution,

(a) to increase by \$2,254,000 the \$6,360,000 appropriation approved at referendum held July 29, 2013 for costs related to the design and construction of a new Emergency Services Complex and related improvements to be situated at 25 Rocky Hollow Road in North Stonington, for an aggregate appropriation of \$8,614,000; and that the Town increase by \$2,254,000 the \$6,360,000 authorization of bonds or notes and temporary notes approved at referendum held July 29, 2013 to finance the aforesaid appropriation, for an aggregate borrowing authorization of \$8,614,000. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued to finance the appropriation shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, including administrative costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, testing, survey, printing and advertising costs, equipment, materials, legal and other professional fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and the financing thereof; and

(b) to declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project, and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(c) Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the aforesaid resolution to vote upon voting machines on the 14<sup>th</sup> day, March, 2016, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors shall vote the following polling place:

North Stonington Town Hall  
40 Main Street  
North Stonington

The aforesaid resolution will be placed on the voting machines under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF NORTH STONINGTON INCREASE BY \$2,254,000 THE \$6,360,000 APPROPRIATION AND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLEX TO BE SITUATED AT 25 ROCKY HOLLOW ROAD IN NORTH STONINGTON?"

Voters approving said resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution will vote "No." Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

**A MOTION made by Selectmen Mullane, seconded by Colleen Thompson to forward item two to the referendum on March 14, 2016, First Selectman Murphy introduced Mark Perkins Chairman of the Center for Emergency Services Building Committee, Mr. Perkins gave a brief explanation of the project, the progress and why the need for more money. Mr. Perkins introduced Architect Peter Springsteel and stated he was present to help answer any question regarding the project. Brian Elias President of the North Stonington Ambulance Association and member of the Center for Emergency Services building Committee gave a power point presentation of the project from the beginning to the point they are currently at, discussion followed. Tim Main Chairman of the Board of Finance answered questions and Bob Shabunia member of the ESB Committee also commented on the building and the needs.**

**Discussion followed, speaking for and against item #2 and question asked:**

**Mike Hayes  
Mike  
Emil Pavlovics  
Gordon Coats  
Colleen Thompson**

**Rob White  
Dick Cooper  
Brad Borden  
Brian Rathbun**

**A MOTION made by Selectman Mullane seconded by Joe Gross to adjourn the meeting to the Referendum on March 14, 2016 between the hours of 6 am to 8 pm, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Referendum Results attached

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Referendum Results

The March 7, 2016 Special Town Meeting reconvened at 8:05 pm on March 14, 2016 following the Referendum by First Selectman Murphy, moderator Nita Kincaid was absent the results were read by the Referendum Moderator Debra Barnes:

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YES 390

NO 202

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YES 221

NO 387

A MOTION made by Bob Shabunia, seconded by Mark Perkins to adjourn at 8:15 pm. MOTION carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norma Holliday  
Town Clerk